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Two New Cuban Perfins – L&C° and M^c^C

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A friend in New York, Jose Gonzales, was exchanging messages recently about perfins on a Cuban philatelic website. He exhibited a scan of his *giro* revenue stamp from 1884 with an **L&C°** perfin. Nobody has ever listed such a perfin. Bob Szymanski (LM#145) said it was not a company that produced perfins in any other American country. Here it is, front and reverse (Figure 1):

Figure 1
1884 Cuban *giro* revenue stamp with previously unknown L&C° perfin.

A *giro* means a money order in Spanish. In the example shown, one paid one peso as revenue to the government to place this stamp on a money order, bank draft or bill of exchange in the amount of 1000 to 2000 pesos.

Shortly thereafter, Bob showed me a scan of yet another perfin that is not in the catalog. (Figure 2.) This is a unique specimen from the classic 1914 map series. **M^c^C** represents another unknown company.

Figure 2
1914 Cuban Map Series stamp with previously unknown M^c^C perfin.

Progress is being made on the perfins of Cuba. However, we now have two more mysteries. Does anyone have a good guess as to which companies perfinned their stamps **L&C°** or **M^c^C** ? If you do, please send it to me at Robert Littrell, 8150 Chipita Park Road, Cascade, CO 80809-1105 USA or email robert.littrell@comcast.net.